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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Wilhelm F. MAIER
Serial No. : TBA 09/254525
Filed : Herewith 5-8-99
For : USE OF MICROPOROUS INORGANIC MEMBRANE
CATALYSTS
Group Art Unit : TBA 1780
Examiner : TBA Hunter

March 8, 1999

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel all the claims and substitute:

H *Ab C2*
--4. A process for performing a catalyzed chemical reaction of
starting materials using an amorphous microporous membrane, wherein said
starting materials are pressed through the pores of said membrane containing